## **BEFORE**

## THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

## SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 98-446-T - ORDER NO. 98-735

**SEPTEMBER 25, 1998** 

IN RE:	Cancellation of Class C Charter Certificates	)	ORDER î
IIV KL.	of Public Convenience & Necessity (16 or	í	CANCELLING
	more passengers) and Class C-ICC	)	CERTIFICATES
	Certificates of Public Convenience &	)	
	Necessity due to the Transportation Equity	)	
	Act for the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century.	)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of the Commission Staff to cancel Class C Charter Certificates on carriers transporting 16 or more passengers, and also to cancel Class C-ICC Certificates for these carriers.

The Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, signed into law by the President on June 9, 1998, apparently removed the ability of the States to regulate charter buses on an intrastate basis, except for the areas of insurance and safety. We have placed into effect emergency regulations, which allow us to issue Class C Charter Bus Certificates to those carriers transporting 16 or more passengers in a vehicle. These Certificates indicate that the carrier in question is in compliance with the Commission's insurance regulations and the safety regulations of the Department of Public Safety.

Because of the new Federal Law, and because of our ability to issue the new Charter Bus Certificates, we hereby cancel all Class C Charter Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and C-ICC Certificates for carriers transporting 16 or more passengers. Class C

Charter certificates shall remain in full force and effect for carriers transporting 15 passengers or less.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Acting Executive Director

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